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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN-LIBYAN RELATIONS AFTER QADHAFI VISIT
TO KAIROUAN

REF: TUNIS 1904 AND 1916

1. NEW TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR CHARCOUR TOLD US APRIL 3 THAT THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE A VOTE IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT A REFERENDUM ON UNITY WITH LIBYA, BUT SAID THAT "THE RESULTS ARE A FOREGONE CONCLUSION", AS THE TUNISIAN PEOPLE WANTED NO PART OF UNITY WITH LIBYA. CHARCOUR, WHO WAS PRESENT ON TUNISIAN SIDE DURING TALKS WITH QADHAFI, SAID THAT CONTRARY TO SOME PRESS REPORTS, BOURGUIBA HAD NOT INVITED QADHAFI TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO RISADH FOR FAISAL'S FUNERAL. TALKS HAD RUN THEIR COURSE, BOTH SIDES HAD SAID ALL THEY HAD TO SAY TO EACH OTHER, AND WERE NOT UNHAPPY PART.

NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN RESOLVING OUTSTANDING BILATERAL PROBLEMS.

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2. COMMENT: THE AMBASSADOR HIMSELF, WHO FIRST SERVED
HERE AS AMBASSADOR IN THE LATE '50'S, IS AN OUTSPOKEN
OPPONENT OF UNITY WITH LIBYA, NOW OR EVER.
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